

Lillian Tysdal Commissioned

At a solemn and impressive morning worship service on July 18th, at Central Lutheran Church, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Miss Lillian Tysdal was commissioned for service on the mission field in Madagascar, having received and accepted a call issued by the Foreign Mission Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Those participating in the commissioning service were Dr. J. R. Lavik, president of Luther Seminary in Saskatoon and vice-chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, who delivered the commissioning address and took charge of the commissioning rites; the Rev. George O. Evenson, dean of the S.L.B.I., and former pastor of Central Lutheran Church who brought a greeting and rendered a beautiful vocal solo, "The Good Shepherd," and the Rev. A. L. S. Mathre, pastor of Central Lutheran Church who presided over the service and spoke in behalf of the local congregation, expressing joy and gratitude for the privilege of sending this young missionary candidate to the foreign field. Vocal selections were also rendered by Mrs. A. L. S. Mathre who sang "Jesus Only," by Botoli, and Lynn and Sharon Armstrong who sang "Follow the Gleam." A missionary offering was lifted and presented to Miss Tysdal.

Miss Lillian Tysdal was born June 8, 1924, to Ernest and Anna Tysdal at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. She attended the Spicer public school, the Briercrest high school and the Moose Jaw normal school. She took summer school classes at Saskatoon and Regina. Of particular value in preparation for the work to which she has been called was her attendance at the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute, Outlook, Sask., and the Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

She bears witness as follows: "Whoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard?" Romans 10:13, 14. "Through this and other scripture passages the Holy Spirit has put a burden on my heart for the millions who cannot call upon the Name of the Lord and be saved because they have never heard the saving message of Jesus Christ. They do not know that Christ has atoned for their sins and that there is life and hope for all who believe in His name. Christ's command is 'Go ye and make disciples of all nations.' The love of Christ constrains me to obey His command and to serve Him on the foreign field.

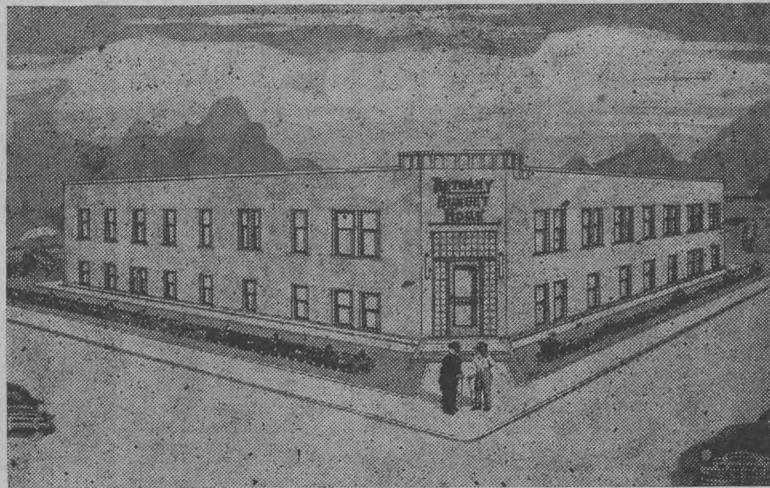
'Only one life, 'twill soon be past;
Only what's done for Christ will last.'

"I count it a God-given privilege to be called to work in Madagascar. Pray that I may be faithful to my Lord and live constantly in the centre of His Will, proclaiming as an ambassador on behalf of Christ: 'Be ye reconciled to God.' Pray that souls in Madagascar will come to Jesus and be saved so that His Kingdom might be extended and His precious Name glorified.

"God be merciful unto us and bless us, that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations. Let all the peoples praise Thee, O God. Let all the peoples praise Thee.' Psalm 67:1-3."

Human felicity is produced not so much by great pieces of good fortune that seldom happen, as by little advantages that occur every day. — Benjamin Franklin.

Bethany Sunset Home



The picture above is a drawing of the proposed building for the Bethany Sunset Home to be built in Camrose, Alberta. The preparation for this building project has been blessed by God, and plans are being made for the turning of the first sod in a ground-breaking ceremony in the near future. Remember this venture in your prayers.

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b) Teaching

In the matter of teaching the Word we feel the deep need as well as in preaching. When it comes to Sunday School teachers I think we can well use the personal pronoun 'her' in speaking of the teacher. And this is true even where there are men who profess to be wide awake Christians. It would be interesting at the convocation to hear some discussion on the enlisting of men as Sunday School teachers.

In teaching the Word of God, it would be well to hear what our conception of "child evangelism" might be. We shun this term in the Lutheran Church because we lay strong emphasis on "keeping" children rather than "winning" them for Christ. Certainly even in our confirmation classes, we should approach our young people as though they were Christians, yet the dividing Word of God should be so sharp that whoever might have fallen away, will come back to fellowship with Christ. I found, in my last few confirmation classes, that if I spent as much as half the time winning those that might be outside of Christ, when it came to the time when these young people were to step out for Christ, even those living in their baptismal covenant were much more ready to do so.

I have given serious thought to the laymen and their use in the instruction of the confirmands in Canada. When we have to try to instruct children, in many of our rural parishes, on the run, between services on Sunday, it does not prove too satisfactory a means of instruction. Even the efficiency of the pastor, for such instruction, is not the most effective at a time like that.

Why couldn't we train some of our lay people to instruct our confirmands between the times we make the rounds for services? Surely that should prove a real challenge to the lay people and also help the pastor feel that the children are becoming better grounded in the truth.

Another practical aspect of the lay teaching, in Canada, is that of mid-week services. When our places are too remote, or when the pastor has too many congregations and preaching places, and the average in Canada is five, then one should be able to enlist some of the lay people to conduct mid-week Bible study and prayer meetings. I have encouraged this in several places where I have made visitations and there are other places where it is being done with a great deal of joy coming to those who are participating.

I have also noticed, with much joy,

that some of our lay people are conducting Bible classes for the older people on Sunday morning. This, too, those attending have told me, has proved a great edification to their souls.

c) Personal Soul Winning

Then comes that all important third class of evangelism among our laity, that of personal soul-winning. Whether it be among the pastors or the laypeople, so little of this is being done that we need to almost shock ourselves out of our complacency to get us going in this regard.

We have been trying to work out ways and means, through our commission on evangelism, to help our people to get out and win souls for Christ. You are all familiar with what has been introduced the past year. It works fine as far as it goes, but we all know how hard it is to keep it out of the mechanical. It is difficult to make it more than a glorified drive, even though this, in itself, is worthy of our best efforts. No one sees the need of vitalizing the program any more than the commission does itself. However, it has seemed the only way is to bring the challenge to those who are confessing Christians, that they might get out and win others for Christ.

This phase is perhaps the most discouraging to our ministry. People will get up and give their testimonies at prayer meetings and the like but when you ask them to name some soul that the Lord has used them to lead to Christ, they cannot point to a single individual.

We have all of us been watching our people, as we have ministered down through the years, and we have noticed how they will play up to certain people to win them in a social sense, and yet sometimes even though these people are Christians, they never spend five minutes trying to win their friends for the Friend of friends.

But this is a difficult assignment. Souls are only won through the sweat of the brow. Someone has said that it takes a big man of God to win the individual, but anyone can be interested in the multitude. As Hallesby once put it, "Anyone can light a match to a stick of dynamite but it takes a strong arm to dig the rocks out one at a time with the pick-axe."

So many times people hide behind the fact that they have not been cut out for this work. It is almost impossible for them to do any personal work, they say.

It is impossible for everyone who does not want to pay the price. In the first place it means obedience. All of us who have seen people come

Topics of Interest

THE GREAT FRONTIER

The Great Frontier — we saw it. We saw it during seven years' residence in the depression of the thirties. Now we saw it again during a two week's visit after the boom and development of the forties. Yes, the Peace River country is The Great Frontier. — Frontier, not in the sense, of primitive or backward conditions, but frontier in the sense of possibilities waiting to be cultivated and developed.

The Great Frontier — we caught glorious glimpses of it at the Luther League convention at Grande Prairie. For greater than the riches of the virgin soil of "The Last Great Frontier," is the fresh and fertile mind of youth. And more precious than the gold or coal or copper along the upper reaches of the Peace are the talents hidden in the lives of our young people and waiting to be drawn out and developed to God's glory. More profitable than angling for trout in the heart of the Rockies is angling for souls for the Kingdom of Christ. Greater than the unharnessed power of mountain streams is the power of youthful thoughts and purposes waiting to be harnessed to God's will and transmitted to the centres of human need. That's what our Luther League is seeking to accomplish by its program of holding and winning young people for Christ.

Youth, like homesteads, can be very disappointing. Many a young life that has responded neither to the love of God or parent or pastor is fittingly represented by an abandoned cabin sinking to ruin in what was a clearing but is now a wilderness of nettles and weeds.

But when you see stately homes rising out of the forests, when you see gardens as they grow in the north, when you see hard won acres high with ripening grain or a field of clover pleasing to eye and nose as well, you draw the conclusion that all the hardships of pioneering were well worthwhile. The great frontier is yielding fruit. So, too, when you catch glimpses of God's temple taking shape in young lives, or of the garden in which fruits of the Spirit are growing, when you find Christian personalities whose very presence sheds fragrant benediction about them — you recognize the truth of God's promise, "We shall reap in due season if we faint not." It was worth all the prayer, efforts and heartaches. The Greater Frontier is yielding to His Glory.

Back to our particular homestead on this Great Frontier. Clear and build and sow, making use of the only means than can turn the wilderness of sin into a garden spot for God — His Word of sin and grace. Plead with each young life, "Hear God's Word Today." Following Christ and learning of Him, He will make us fishers of men, or in more western language — homesteaders of the Great Frontier.

—A. K. H.

through for Christ by going right to them with the definite purpose of winning them, know that it is no child's play. Many is the time that I have been shakey in the knees as I have approached a home or a shop but I knew if I wanted to be obedient to God I better get in there and do the talking or else my own spiritual life would grow cold and indifferent. As I have gone I have often thought of this passage, of our text, "And he first findeth his own brother Simon and said unto him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" I have thought of this

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URGENT IS THE WORD

A letter written in Dr. Bergsaker's vigorous handwriting came to our desk a few days ago. The appeal in the letter was equally as vigorous as the handwriting. Here is, in part, what he says:

"We are much concerned about the 1948 budget in-gathering. Yesterday we were \$25,959.28 short of the amount received last year at the same date. Cost of living is still skyrocketing. Much more will be needed for 1948 in order to meet the needs..."

Further he says of Lutheran World Action in the same letter:

"Our church was allotted \$820,-233.62 for L.W.A. for 1948. Only \$354,811.00 or 43 per cent has come in to date. This, too, is rather discouraging. The year is far spent and the time is fast speeding away."

It is time to put forth every effort to reach the goal. Stewardship secretary Odland's splendid bulletin sent out to the pastors and the financial secretaries gives clearly and concisely the picture of the situation in Canada as far as the budget is concerned. It suggests this is not the time to rest on the oars. In many places God has blessed with abundant crops. Let us work while it is day.

DOES ANYTHING HAPPEN

Does anything happen in your parish or in your congregation? We need news items — not borrowed from other sources — but fresh from the field. We call upon all for aid to make The Shepherd useful in informing our people about the work in our district. Let us have news!

A FEW WORDS OF APPRAISAL

The Grande Prairie convention report told the story in summary. However it is not the whole "impact" of this great convention. To place our name on the convention register together with the convention delegation was a real privilege.

"We have had no great or sweeping revival in the Lutheran Church for many years," has been often said. Perhaps this is true of mass movements to God in any locality. Attending our Grande Prairie convention one could clearly sense the fact that there is a quiet, steady, spiritual husbandry work going on throughout our Canada District. There was one regret and that was that we could not attend all the panel sessions when our young people developed the theme in that well ordered program, "Hear God's Word Today." It was a real blessing to hear them speak with a quiet assurance of the things of God, and we sensed, too, that their confidence was not anchored in fleeting feelings, but in the unchangeable Word. We look for mass revivals too, but we should be deeply thankful for what God has been permitted to do in the hearts of our young people.

Sitting two seats ahead of us we saw four young men from the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, and two young men from the Lutheran Free Church in attendance. The former had come a distance of about seven hundred miles and the latter,

about five hundred miles to attend this convention. Before the convention was over a young lady from the Augustana Synod, who is now serving in South America, was also in attendance.

Blest be the tie that binds!

GRANDE PRAIRIE HEARD THEM SING

We are not now only thinking of the splendid choral union concert which was broadcast, under the direction of Pastor G. O. Evenson — that was a real message — but we are thinking of the choir singing "up town." We stood across the street from them. The members of the choir stood on the steps of the bank building, and the director, Evenson, stood on the bumper of a parked car. Held before the front row was the Y.P.L.L. banner. We noted the pleased look on the man in the bank who opened the door and listened. We heard a passer-by jeer the singers, only to walk a short distance and then stop to listen to the singing. We believe that by the Holy Spirit the singing reached the antenna of many a heart.

BOOK REVIEW

"Atonement and Forgiveness" is written by Dr. Jacob Tanner, and is published by Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Tanner has retired from his ministry of spreading the Word. He is still teaching and writing. Dr. Tanner believes he has discovered a new principle in the study of saving work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men. When God invites the sinner to His banquet table, Dr. Tanner believes there is one main course throughout, and that is the forgiveness of sin. In this book he contends that this is the foundation source in all scripture upon which the whole plan of salvation rests. In the forgiveness of sin, Dr. Tanner finds the basis for Repentance, Assurance, Sanctification, the Sacraments and even the overthrow of Satan.

Of forgiveness he says: "It is the nature of forgiveness that it cannot be measured. Measured forgiveness is not forgiveness." "The atoning work of Christ calls for faith, not speculation," is another of the pungent statements of this book.

To the Bible student there is rich material in his chapters: The Historic Situation, and the Historic Unfolding of the Forgiveness of Sin, and his study on the first eight chapters of Romans there is an abundance of food for the soul.

This book leaves the reader with a song of thanksgiving in his heart — thanksgiving for the forgiveness of sin which is the believer's priceless possession, his call to holiness and his dynamic for service. —V.

PARSONAGE OF BATTLE RIVER LEA PARK PARISH



The purchasing of this modern parsonage by the Battle River Lea Park parish at Chauvin, Alberta, has brought our church in Canada one step closer to realize our goal for 1948, "A Parsonage for Every Pastor." The acquisition of the above property was made possible through the kind co-operation of the Glendon congregation and the unstinted efforts of our District President, Mars A. Dale. The Battle River and Zion congregations and the Ladies' Aids of the respective congregations are also to be credited for their indefatigable

Obituaries

ELEV VERPY

Death came suddenly to Mr. Elev Verpy of the Lac Qui Parle district. Suffering a stroke on July 21st, he died after a few hours of illness. These sudden deaths should speak to us all of ever living in the expectancy of the Lord's coming to us to call us away from our stewardship here below.

Mr. Verpy was a member of the Lac Qui Parle congregation at which cemetery his body was laid to rest on the morning of July 23rd. A host of relatives and friends attended the funeral service. He leaves to mourn his wife and son, and many friends.



Mrs. Simon Fonstad

It was with sad and heavy hearts that we of Salem Lutheran congregation, and surrounding community, wended our way to church on the afternoon of July 23rd where Mrs. Simon Fonstad, more commonly known as "Olga" was laid to rest. She passed away at the hospital in Estevan, Saskatchewan, on Tuesday, July 20th.

Olga Fonstad (nee Tenold) was 52 years of age, born at Ashley, N.D. She came with her parents to Canada in 1903. On November 17, 1915, she was married to Simon Fonstad. Seven children were born, six of whom are living. Surviving her are her husband, four daughters, Mrs. Emil Swenson, Mrs. Lyle Peterman, and Carol and Kathleen at home; two sons Selmer and Martin. Her aged mother, Fredricka Tenold, three sisters, Mrs. A. Tenold, Mrs. E. Kvammen and Mrs. G. A. Tannas also sense the empty place.

A large crowd was in attendance at the funeral. Our pastor, the Rev. John Precht, officiated and found words of comfort and admonition in John 16: 22. Mrs. Precht and Mrs. Art Sheldstad sang "God Wills it So." Mrs. McDougall presided at the organ.

In Olga's passing Salem congregation lost one of its most valuable and influential members. For many years she had been our organist and she served as choir leader, president of the Ladies' Aid, and member of the Bible class. We can see her at church, see her playing the organ, see her conducting the program at Ladies' Aid, cooking coffee, see her at choir practise, hear her singing — her clear, strong, sure alto voice was a great boon to the choir. She loved to sing and we loved to hear her sing; we see her at Bible class listening and taking part; we see her in their lovely home — always ready and willing to serve. The home was always open for meetings. She was a living witness for her Lord, both at home, in the church — and also in the hospital. "Faithfulness" was her predominant characteristic.

efforts to supplement already existing funds, and arrange for the final purchasing of the parsonage. The price of the parsonage was \$3,000.00. The parish has no debt on the property.

—H. O.

To her grief stricken husband and family we can only say that God can and will sustain you in this time of sorrow. In Matthew 5:4 He says "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." He will do just that. So we commend you to God, and to the Word of His Grace which is able to build you up.

"A little while, and we will meet
The loved ones gone before,
And we shall clasp their hands again
On yonder radiant shore.
"A little while, and we shall hear
The Saviour whisper, 'Come,'
And we shall ever dwell with Him
In our eternal home."

—We of Salem Congregation.

Because we have treasured memories of "Simon and Olga" we join the many who in this hour of testing, grope for words of faith and courage — only to find best expression in the words of scripture. We greet you with II Cor. 1:3-4: "Blessed be God, even the Father of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

—Pastor and Mrs. A. M. Vinge.

Valhalla Centre Pioneer Laid to Rest

On Monday, June 14, another pioneer, Mrs. Anne Melsness, of Valhalla Centre, passed away after a brief illness. Anne Melsness was born in Bo, Telemarken, Norway on September 24, 1875. With her parents, Anton and Ingrid Horte, she came to the United States in 1891 and lived in Minnesota. She was married January 20, 1902 to Ole Mernhardt Melsness. In 1912 she moved with her husband and family to Kingman, Alberta. The following year they came over the Edson trail to Valhalla Centre, arriving there in August, 1913, and she lived there until the time of her death. Her husband predeceased her in 1935.

Mrs. Melsness was a charter member of the Valhalla Lutheran congregation and Ladies' Aid. In spite of poor health she continued to take an active interest in the work of the church and community. Her deep Christian faith and warm interest in the welfare of others endeared her to all who knew her. Left to mourn the loss of a beloved mother and grandmother are five daughters; Mrs. Ingvald Loberg, Mrs. Paul Loberg, Dolores Melsness, Mrs. Harry Krantz, and Mrs. Roy Kochendorfer, all of Valhalla Centre; three sons; Harold of Lac La Biche, Anton and Berthold both of Vancouver; and sixteen grandchildren. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. H. N. Ronning of Valhalla Centre; Mrs. Chester Ronning of Nankin, China, and three brothers, Chris, Olaf and Harry Horte, all of Valhalla Centre. All were present at the funeral except Mrs. C. Ronning and O. Horte and two grandchildren at Vancouver.

The funeral services were held in the Valhalla Lutheran Church at 2 p.m., Friday, June 18, with Rev. H. A. Strand officiating. He chose as his text Heb. 4:9, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Let us labor therefore to enter that rest." The hymns chosen were "Rock of Ages," "Under His Wings," and "O Happy Day When We Shall Stand," all favorites of Mrs. Melsness. The choir sang two numbers, "As Sinks Beneath the Ocean," and "Children of the Heavenly Father," and Ernest Broughton sang a solo in Norwegian "Tank Naar Engan hver Taage er Forsynden." The church was filled with friends who came to pay their last respects to deceased. There were many lovely floral tributes and memorial gifts of nearly \$200.00 to various missionary activities. Pallbearers were all old friends of the family: Bennie Velve, Amund Olson, Julius Lind, Lyman Rorem, Albert Nepstad, and Lars Loberg. Funeral arrangements were in charge of J. B. Oliver.

Jeg er den gode Hyrde.
Joh. 10:11

THE SHEPHERD Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

Den gode Hyrde setter sit
liv til for faarene.
Joh. 10:11

Wadena, Sask., Andet No. I August, 1948.

Gjengjeld Ondt Med Godt!

13.s.etter tref. Matt. 5:43-48

Jesus taler om den oppfyllelse av loven som kreves av gudsríkets borgere. Og alvaarlig gaar hans ord inn paa oss i dette evangelium hvor han taler om kjærligheten ogsaa til vaare fiender. Altsaa, om ikke blott aa gjengjelde like med like, men ondt med godt. Atter møter vi her de skriftklokkes fortolkning, "Du skal elske din neste og hate din fiende." Det er en skammelig forvanskning av lovens aand. De skriftlærde forstod ved "neste" kun israelitter, altsaa, "Du skal elske din neste," ble for dem: "Du skal elske dine landsmenn." En møter ogsaa i vaar kirke endel nordmenn som fortolker dette kjærlighetsbud likesaa falskt som de skriftkloke og faar det til omtrent slik: "Du skal samle inn bare de norske i distriktet i menigheten, bry deg ikke om de andre." Men Guds ord innskærper mange steder kjærligheten om omsorgen for de fremmede. Ja, loven sier, "Naar du treffer din fiendes okse eller hans asen som har gaatt seg vill, da skal du føre dem tilbake til ham." (2 Mos. 23:4).

Det er denne lovens aand Herren utvikler for sine disipler i vaart evangelium og fører kjærlighetens krav op til dets fulle høyde. Vi skal legge merke til at det ikke bare er den ytre godgjørenhet mot fiendene, Jesus innskærper, for den kan ofte forbinnes med et hemmelig hat, idet en derved vinner en slags triumf over fienden. Men aa elske sine fiender og **be** for dem, — det utelikker alt nag, og det kan vi slett ikke klare saa lenge vaart hjerte ikke er gjennomglødet av hans kjærlighet som paa korset ba for **sine** fiender. Ogsaa Stefanus, den første kristne martyr, er et skjønt eksempel paa en sjel som ble Mesteren lik i dette.

Det er det sinn som kan ha og vise kjærligheten uten hensyn til hva gjengjeldelse det faar, uten hindringer, Jesus innprenter som maalet for alle sine venner blant de mange haarde hjerter i denne verden. Han peker opover, paa hvordan vaar Fader i himmelen lar den sol som han har skapt, som alene tilhører ham, som ikke en eneste av alle levende vesener har noen rett til, — opgaa hver dag over saa mange onde, utakknemlige, urettferdige mennesker, og lar sitt regn falle over deres jord nedover paa den ringe verdi det har saa det baerer grøde. Og Jesus peker aa elske naar en kan vente behagelig gjengjeldelse. Det kan verden ogsaa gjøre. Og som eksempler paa verdensmennesker drar han fram tolderne, de jøder som opkrevet tolden i de romerske toldforpakteres tjeneste. De ble sett paa som utskudd blant folket, ikke bare for deres uredlighets skyld, men ogsaa fordi de ville gjøre seg til haandlangere for det for hatte romerske herskap.

Hvor mye, det ikke her som gaar haardt i mot vaart mørke, naturlige, falne hjerte? En prest gikk en gang med sin vesle sønn nedover byens gate. De møtte en mann som av fiendskap til Guds rike, aldri hilste paa presten. Ogsaa denne gang vendte han paa frastand hodet til den motsatte side. Presten saa det og — hilste ikke. "Hilste du ikke paa den mannen, far?" spurte hans sønn. Og presten hørte sin Frelser holde bergprekenen gjennom sitt barns spørsmål. Han kjente det dype "akk" over seg selv, men ogsaa lengselens "gid" etter aa vokse opp til aa ligne sin Frelse.

"Derfor skal I være fullkomme, likesom elders himmelske Fader er fullkommen." I dette ord samler Jes-

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"brother" here mentioned in both the narrower and the wider sense and have often asked my self, "Am I willing to pay the price?" Sometimes I have shrunk back and thought, "If I pray for them then perhaps all will be well," but I have not been happy until I have gone. We all might well ask ourselves today, if we would need more than two hands to count the number of souls that we know we have definitely led to Christ. It might be good to share some of these blessed experiences with one another, even if they may be few.

How Can We, As Pastors, Help Them Make the Best Use of Their Efforts?

Perhaps we have covered most of the last point in the first two. However, before closing let us spend a short time on **how we, as pastors, can help our lay people become more effective in their evangelistic efforts?** We perhaps should have had lay people tell us this. If you want to read a rather interesting book on a subject that deals with this in part, get Murray Leiffer's book on "The Layman Looks at the Minister." It is published by Cookesbury Press in Nashville, Tennessee, and sells for one dollar and fifty cents. I will say nothing of his observations, but will make a few of my own.

The first thing we have to do is to "fire" our laymen. And the first place from which this can be done is the pulpit. If we make a definite effort to personalize God in every way possible and make Him personal to the hearts of our people they might think this matter of Christianity is worth spreading. But if we get up and read a long, exegetical treatise and make no applications to the individual life I fear people will become as dull in their witnessing as we will in our preaching.

I want to emphasize this point, especially for us in Canada. If we can compare ourselves to the States-ministry I would say it would be this: We are much more personal in our emphasis and in our approach to people personally but we do a great deal more generalizing when it comes to the pulpit than do our brethren across the line. We are horror stricken at some of the things they may do and say, and I do not say we should not be, but we have much to learn when

SAM E. RUDE

I kjerlight minde om min elskede mann, Sam E. Rude, der hensov i troen paa Jesus, den 20 de August, 1947.

"Salige er de døde some do i Herren fra nu av." Aap. 14:13.

Vi skal sove men ei evigt
Snart en morgen jo skal gry
Og vi atter skal faa motes
I opstandelsen paany;
Naar han kalder hjem til gleden
Det i rette stunden skjer,
Og i Himlens stad eroppe
Ingen dod skal vere mer.
Herren gav, Herren tog, Herrens navn vere lovet!

—Mrs. Martha Rude, Naicam, Sask.
Indlagt var en gave paa fem-og-tyve dollars.

us likesom alle de lysstraaler som han her har latt skinne for oss til selverkjennelse og ydmykelse for oss, men ogsaa for likesom i en himmelsk tegning aa vise oss den herlige bygning, den straalende helligdom som Guds Aand arbeider pa aa fullføre i vaare hjerter, Maatte vi da møte hans livsalige ord med samme sind som Maria, da hun svarte det himmelske sendebud: "Mig skje etter ditt ord."

—H. Arnholt Strand.

it comes to making people squirm in their seats and say, "He certainly is laying it out for me today." God helps us to be prophets in the pulpits until the cry of the laity ceases to be, "Oh that I knew where I might find him," and becomes, "I know in whom I have believed."

We pastors have to be examples in getting out to our people too. The pulpit seems all too often, so remote. I can well remember how many times I would liked to have torn down that big high pulpit of mine in one of my parishes and waded out into the crowd. I often thought of what Webster said about preachers, "If lawyers were perched as high in the air and as far from the jury as a minister is from his people he would not win a case in a lifetime." Many of our pulpits have been built much lower now, for which we are extremely thankful, so that no longer need the people view us but Christ.

But we must be out among our people, I say again. If we do not love our people enough to learn to know them and to get out to see what their personal needs are, we better turn in our robes and crawl into the pew. Wasn't it Francis of Assissi who one time was walking along a country road with a friend when he turned to him and said, "Let us go down into the town and preach." After they had walked through the streets, talking to this one and that one, the friend finally turned to St. Francis and said, "When do we start preahing?" Said St. Francis, "We have been preaching all the time." Our preaching is not to be reserved for Sundays' it should be on our lips at all times, as we seek out our people.

Dr. J. O. Peck, a wonderful preacher and saint of God was heard to say, one time, "If it were revealed to me from heaven by Archangel Gabriel that God had given me the certainty of ten years of life and that as a condition of my eternal salvation I must win a thousand souls for Christ in that time, and if it were further conditioned to this end that I might preach every day for ten but not personally appeal to the unconverted outside the pulpit, or that I might not enter the pulpit during those ten years but might exclusively appeal to the individuals, I would not hesitate one moment to accept the choice of personal effort as the sole means to be used in securing the conversion of thousand souls as the condition of my salvation."

The third thing we as pastors can do to help our lay people is to train them in soul winning. It might be well to use our mid-week services to go through Knock's or Gornitzka's "Personal Evangelism." Dr. Selmer Berge has a good book too n "Evangelism in the Congregation." People have to be taught to make approaches. The old idea of asking a person outright if he is saved is as out-moded as hanging a shingle on our church with the word "welcome" and then thinking we have done what we can to get the people to church. I could spend a long time on this matter and could share some experiences with you but I want to say at least one more thing.

And that fourth thing that I think so important in our aiding our lay people is for us to **stick on the job** so that people think we mean business when we are in the biggest business in the world. It may mean giving up wash day on Monday; it may mean staying in the office instead of running down spending the morning shopping. It will even mean something more than leaving our sermons

I Brennpunktet

Skal vi lyve for de syke?

En læge sa en gang at lægen ofte gir sin pasient de beste forhaapninger selv om han vet at sykdommen er livsfarlig. Det kristne krav er kravet om opriktighet ogsaa i dette ømtaalige forhold. Ingen kan avgjøre naar et menneskes liv ikke lenger har noen betydning. Selv om lægen kan bevise, at de som staar foran en umiddelbar dødsfare, ikke orker aa bære sannheten, og at det derfor er virkelighetsfjernt aa tro paa en dypere selverkjennelse eller en indre forvandling i disse angstfylte timer, er det likevel motbydelig aa tenke paa at mine medmennesker, ja en gang ogsaa jeg selv, ikke skal faa vite sannheten og derved berøves sin handlingsfrihet i livets betydeligste stund. Den respekt for menneskelivet, hvor usselt og forkrøplet og svakt det er som vi regner for vaar kulturs viktigste arvedel, trampes jo i virkeligheten under føttene naar vi mener aa kunne avgjøre at et liv ikke lenger har noen betydning. Det er til syvende og sist et spørsmål som ligger utenfor menneskelig dømmekraft.

En annen læge sier dette: "Et enkelt og rett fram spraak fra lægens side stiller ofte ømtaalelige forhold i det rette lys, og er den beste nerve-medisin. De fleste læger tør ogsaa ha det samme grunnsyn paa sitt forhold til den syke naar det gjelder liv og død. Men ved dette kan spesielle omstendigheter kreve handling utenfor de vanlige former. Jeg tenker da ikke akkurat paa de tilfeller da den syke ikke spør, de er kanskje de vanskeligste. Ingen tør vel forlange at lægen skal løfte paa det slør som et naadig forsyn har trukket for framtiden, eller vekke spørsmål som den syke allerede har lagt bak seg. Men blant dem som spør finnes det ogsaa et par kategorier, som saa klart og tydelig krever sitt svar, at dette neppe behøver aa bli gjenstand for diskusjon. Den ene er den syke som med rolig fatning ønsker og maa faa et ærlig svar. Den andre er den hjelpeløse, redde, som "klynger seg" til lægen, ikke for aa faa vite sannheten, men for aa faa hjelp for sin redsel." Skal vi da lyve for ham? Skal vi, paa hans angstfylte spørsmål: Er det djarlig? svare, nei da? Aldri. Ike en gang kjærligheten til den syke kan rettferdiggjøre nødløgnen. Selv den syke som er saa svak at han menes ikke aa kunne taale sannheten, maa faa vite den. Men om maaten hvorpaa det kan skje er et annet kapittel.

—H. A. S.

until Saturday and then maybe dipping down in the barrel. Yes, it may mean rolling out of bed before the children get off to school during the week, even if we haven't slept well during the night. As Goodell puts it, "Most of the men that moved the world were not good sleepers anyway."

I will never forget what a layman told me when I first started out my work in Chicago. It is not important in itself, but it does teach a great lesson. Said he, "Now you are just starting out in the ministry. Let me tell you one thing. Even if you do not get up early in the morning, be sure to roll up your shades each night before you go to bed so that the lay people who walk by in the morning will not know you are sleeping and wish they had a soft job like some of them think you have!"

It is Charles Goodell, one time pastor of the great Calvary Methodist Church in New York, who told of how

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OPENED DOORS

We were present at Radio Station CJDE when the manager of the station made an urgent request that the Children's Chapel might be broadcast from that station. Seldom have we heard such an eloquent plea for the many in the isolated places, reached by this station, where the Word of God would be eagerly received in hearts where the true Gospel had not been planted. "We must remember," said the manager, that many of those who listen have never been to any Sunday School, and to whom a simple Bible Story will be heard with great interest."

Today the letter came from the Sunday School at Home saying that the Children's Chapel will be heard from CJDC as soon as the records can be sent there. Every effort will be used to speed this venture in the northland.

In the last issue of the Shepherd the announcement appears that September 4 marks the date for the opening of the Children's Chapel from Saskatoon over CFQC at 9.30 a.m.

A letter of recent date from Bob Lee states that negotiations with Edmonton's CFRN in using the Children's Chapel is under way. Thus two outlets in our District are certain, CFQC Saskatoon, and CJDC Dawson Creek. As soon as the arrangements for Edmonton are completed the announcements will be made.

It is with gratefulness we note that this broadcast is spreading rapidly and is now heard in Alaska and China and other distant fields are under consideration, while an increasing number in our country are carrying this program. We print for your consideration, the latest list of stations:

CFQC—Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, 600 on your dial. Saturday, 9.30 a.m.

KMON—Great Falls, Montana, 560 on your dial. Saturday, 10 a.m.

KFYR—Bismarck, North Dakota, 550 on your dial. Friday, 5.30 p.m.

WNAX—Yankton-Sioux City, 570 on your dial. Saturday, 5.45 p.m.

WCAL—Northfield, Minnesota, 770 on your dial. Sunday, 3.15 p.m.

KWLC—Decorah, Iowa, 1240 on your dial. Saturday, 12.15 p.m.

KBUN—Bemidji, Minnesota, 1450 on your dial. Sunday, 1.45 p.m.

KVNJ-FM—Fargo, North Dakota. FM channel 222, 92.3 mc. Sunday, 5.15 p.m.

KTRF—Thief River Falls, Minnesota, 1230 on your dial. Saturday, 9.30 a.m.

KVI—Seattle-Tacoma, Washington, 570 on your dial. Saturday, 8.45 a.m.

XLAK3—Shanghai, China. Time to be announced.

WATK—Antigo, Wisconsin, 910 on your dial. Time to be announced.

KGEZ—Kalispell, Montana, 1340 on your dial. Sunday, 1 p.m.

KFQB—Anchorage, Alaska, 790 on your dial. Saturday, 4.15 p.m.

KFRB—Fairbanks, Alaska, 1290 on your dial. Saturday, 4.15 p.m.

KINY—Juneau, Alaska, 1460 on your dial. Saturday, 4.15 p.m.

KTKN—Ketchikan, Alaska, 930 on your dial. Saturday, 4.15 p.m.

WKOW—Madison, Wisconsin, 1070 on your dial. Saturday, 9 a.m.

KVAN—Vancouver, Washington, 910 on your dial. Saturday, 10 a.m.

KASH—Eugene, Oregon, 1600 on your dial. Sunday, 2 p.m.

WLBL—Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 930 on your dial. Friday, 10.30 a.m.

KWLK—Longview, Washington, 1400 on your dial. Friday, 4.30 p.m.

KROY—Sacramento, California, 1240 on your dial. Saturday, 3.30 p.m.

CJDC—Dawson Creek, British Columbia, 1350 on your dial. Time to be announced.

WXLT—Ely, Minnesota, 1450 on your dial. Time to be announced.

WLDY—Ladysmith, Wisconsin, 1340 on your dial. Sunday, 9.15 p.m.

KVON—Napa, California, 1440 on your dial. Sunday, 5.30 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER — MISSION BOX MONTH

Foreign Missions is a subject that must still be very fresh to all of us. Missionary Clara Jones told us at our W.M.F. circuit conventions of the need for workers; the need for funds to do mission work; to provide churches, hospitals and schools. Do you remember that Pastor Peng Fu's church in China is completely ruined? Where 800 gathered in church to hear God's Word, now perhaps about 50 stand out in the streets and in the rain.

In our country here, every city has several hospitals and most smaller towns have their hospitals and doctors also. In the whole Mission Field of our Church in China, there are only three hospitals and three doctors. That is the same as one hospital and one doctor for all Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta together. Just think of it! Schools are also needed. China's youth is asking, yea, pleading for the Gospel. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He send forth workers." And with our prayers let us give all the material support we can possibly give.

To South Africa now goes the first doctor in the history of our Mission station there. As yet there is no hospital in which he can work. South American missionaries are experiencing difficult times. Catholic opposition is terrific, yet the Gospel is reaching many. Conditions in Madagascar are peaceful and our missionaries have full freedom to do missionary work there at present. Our church has been given authority to build a hospital and to provide doctors. Missionary K. F. Braaten writes that "the most important thing now is to make use of the opportunities before us. Let us move ahead in the spirit and power of Christ and win victories for Him through the salvation of souls."

How can we as Ladies' Aids help in this work? How can I help repair the bomb-wrecked hospitals in China? How can you help along to keep the missionaries clothed and fed on our mission fields? Can I find some way of building schools in South America? Is there something for you to do in providing a hospital for Missionary Doctor Hestenes in South Africa? Yes, definitely yes; there is something that each one of you can do. What is it? Fill well your W.M.F. mission boxes. They are small and so need to be emptied many times during the year. As soon as it is full, empty it immediately on the mission fields. Much mission work is hindered because WE HOLD BACK OUR GIVING. Our general missions secretary reminded us in Minneapolis that our women should now be past the penny stage; that dimes and dollars prove the W.M.F. is growing up and has accepted its responsibilities.

If your Aid members have not received the W.M.F. mission boxes, remind your circuit missions secretary to send you a supply at once. And subscribe to "The Missionary" magazine to keep you up to date on mission news.

Mrs. J. B. Haave, president, Canada District W.M.F.

PRESERVING

Fall — the season for preserving. Just the other day we had a real canning bee in our home, and preserved forty-three quarts of strawberry rhubarb, also fifteen quarts of plain rhubarb. By means of some forethought, an early start, and real co-operation by members of the family, we were all finished by 2.30 p.m.

ing wide. Let us support this blessed form of Evangelism with our prayers and with our gifts. The doors are opened wide right into the hearts of the little ones of the Kingdom.

How tired and hot, relieved and triumphant we felt.

The children will enjoy that fruit too. And every time I open a quart of it I will think of that grand canning day we had. I will remember, not so much the hard work, but the friendly co-operation.

Preserving always means hard work. Sometimes mothers have to do it alone, but why do that if the others can help? And while we are talking about canning, fruit is not the only thing of importance to preserve.

So now, since it's preserving time, let us take stock of all we might preserve. But about some fruits of the Spirit? it is very necessary to have the family's co-operation for preserving these.

Love — No family can get along without preserving a generous quantity of this. It is more necessary than bread in our diet.

Joy — If this is preserved while in bloom it will blossom again and again.

Peace — Oh, if only every family in the world from poor men to the kings would preserve some of this!

Long Suffering or Patience — This is very difficult to preserve in children and grown-ups alike. But given time and much prayer it can be done.

Gentleness — "A gentle (soft) answer turneth away wrath" so preserve some gentleness, will you?

Goodness — Try to gather up all the fragments of goodness shown by members of the family and preserve them for seed.

Faith — This is constantly needed in your home, especially for the parents.

Meekness — "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." This is sometimes hard to find but do preserve what you can.

Temperance and Self Control — It is so necessary to have some of this on hand. It is just the thing for unexpected situations.

And while we are at it why not preserve some Ideals? They will keep for a lifetime, with a little jealous care.

Good Habits — These, too, will last indefinitely if formed in the very young.

Good Manners — If those are acquired through much patience and careful work, they are easily kept.

Godliness — This is the most important of all preserves. Don't cut down on your family supply of this. Preserve it abundantly.

—Mrs. George Hendrickson.

A TRAGIC LOSS

Our church has been stunned and saddened by the sudden death of Daniel Nelson and his family. We stand aghast and tempted to ask why such an energetic and faithful mission worker be taken away. Like his pioneer missionary father, he went ahead with undaunted courage and continued to blaze the trail in the interests of foreign missions. The mission plane, "St. Paul," that evacuated hundreds of missionaries from the danger zones in China, was purchased through his efforts. He continually risked his own life to save others.

I knew Daniel Nelson and his wife, Esther Idso, from St. Olaf College days. They were fine noble characters; they gave their all in the cause of missions. It cannot be that they died in vain. Perhaps it was to make you and me take stock of how much we give. Are our material gifts and our prayers for Missions anything in comparison to their sacrifice? Let us bow humbly in tribute to the Daniel Nelson family and bring a well filled mission box in memory of them to whom the Lord has said, "Well done, thou god and faithful servant — en-

ter thou into the joy of the Lord."

—I. H.

Lay Forces

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one time when he was in Northfield, Massachusetts, lecturing to a group of pastors who had been in the service for some time, he said something like this, "I went out early this morning to your little Round Top. There are two graves there. They are the graves of kindred hearts. They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in death they are not divided! One is the grave of Dwight L. Moody, the other is the grave of his faithful wife. As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall her part be that tarrieth by the stuff." That sweet woman in the sight of God is to be credited with a share in the victories that came to the stout heart to whom she gave courage and for whom she never ceased to pray. I noticed that this strong man had died at what Olive Wendell Holmes calls "the grand climacteric of life, sixty-two years of age. Nature made him a fine animal and built his heart to run for at least three score years and ten, but his heart took on the cares of this world so greatly and throbbed so terribly under them that it shook its tabernacle to pieces at sixty-two. Now, brothers, D. L. Moody preferred to die in the saddle rather than to die by the fire. While I have no brief to shorten ministers' lives, I want to say that the best we can do is to put all there is into this work without regard to years. Let us put a new meaning into the epicurean motto, "While we live, let us live." And then Dr. Goodell concludes by saying, and listen closely to this, "I read not long ago history of the early preachers in New England and New York the average length of ministerial service when they came to die was eight years. They burned themselves out in eight short years. They lived so earnestly for God and wrought so well that in eight years their lives had gone out by the stress of their toil. But you know, dear friends, that the tables of the acturaries show us that now the ministers are the best risks in the world. They live longer than any class of people." So far Dr. Goodell.

So, dear brethren, God wants to use us, both laymen and pastors. He wants to use us in such a way that souls might be born into His Kingdom because of us. May we go forth giving all we have until we shall lay down our labors here, having given our all that in a true sense, men might live.

—Pastor Mars A. Dale, President Canada District.

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